

Lo, I am with you always.

I. Introduction

A. Turn to Matthew 28:18-20, Set Scene, Read, Pray

B. Let's read 20b again

1. How wonderful. I don't think a born again child of Sleeplessness. He wrote in his journal: "I felt much turmoil of spirit in view of having all my plans for the welfare of this great region knocked on the head by savages tomorrow. But I read that Jesus came and said, 'All power is given

2. What a verse of comfort

unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations—and lo (*this next part was underlined*), I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' This is the word of a gentleman of the most sacred and strictest honor.

anger "Lo..." In dark days of loneliness and hunger

"Lo..." In the loss of his precious wife "lo..." I pray that

this vs. would become real to you tonight and bless

II. His Presence is Permanent

A. His Presence is Permanent from Salvation

1. **From the** moment you said the sinner's prayer
2. **Hebrews 13:5** Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
3. **The word "Lo" means** Behold or to look! That word is also in the passive voice in the greek so it means to look any time

B. **His Presence is Perm. to the Consummation**

1. That phrase "the end of the world" can be read as the Consummation of the Age.

2. **When is Consummation of the Age**, when Jesus returns. It's then we will trade a spiritual presence for a physical presence.

3. **He said I'm going to be there till the very end.**

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Not Only is His Presence Permanent but...

III. His Presence is Powerful

A. **Read Vs. 18-20 Again**

B. **Powerful Because of His Person**

1. **Jesus is the "I am" God**, He's **not** the "I was" or the "I will" be God. Jesus used the
2. And because He is I am He has **all** power.
3. **He is God** of the mountain and God of the
4. Listen to what **He told Abraham**: Genesis 28:15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.
5. Listen to what **He told Moses**: Exodus 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

C. **Powerful Because of His Plan**

1. Look at **Vs. 19** It's a big job. **God Has a**
2. **It's a big job**, but we've got a **big God** Vs 18. And this big God is with me.

3. God wants to use us but we are so **weak** but with

Him we are strong. **Isaiah 41:10** Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

4. **Deuteronomy 20:1** When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Not Only is His Presence Permanent, and Powerful but...

IV. His Presence is Precious

A. Words that Care (I am with you)

1. **Matthew Henry** said that Jesus is saying "I am with you, and not against you: with you to take your part, to be on your side, and to hold with you, ... I am with you, and not absent from you, not at a distance;" **Psalm 46:1** God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

2. **Jesus cares**, He cares He is with you beloved He cares. In those **lonely nights**

3. **"Earthly friends** may prove untrue and doubts and fears assail; But there's still one that cares for you" **Psalm 40:17** But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me:

B. Words that Carry (Always)

1. Always hear means in **every season** of life. In every hour. In every moment. **Isaiah 43:2** When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. **Let Him carry u**
2. The presence of Jesus can carry you. **Psalm 23:4** Yea, though I walk through...

V. Conclusion

A. David Livingston death

1. I haven't lived all that long, but I have learned that I **could not make it w/o Him.**

2. Beloved **do you know Him** as Saviour.

B. Take comfort in his words. He is with you. Just look to Him. Trust Him. **Find strength in His Permanent, Powerful and Precious Presence**

That's why on his first trip home after 16 dangerous years away, with his published journals earning him superstar status—with book sales comfortably setting him up for life in his Scottish homeland if he wanted—he could stand on the podium to receive his honorary doctorate from the University of Glasgow and say, "I return to Africa without misgiving and with gladness of heart. For would you like me to tell you what supported me through all

my years of exile among people whose attitude toward me was always uncertain and often hostile?

"It was this: 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' On those words I staked everything, and they have never failed! I was never left alone!"